

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

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“MY grace is sufficient
for thee: for MY strength
is made perfect in
weakness.”

(2 CORINTHIANS 12:9)

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy Birthday!

Morgan Stafford — May 26th

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Beloved, you did not give your life to HIM, HE gave HIS life to perfect and sanctify you through HIS one offering

GALATIANS 2:20, HEBREWS 10:10,14

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His PURCHASED POSSESSION

...THE PURCHASED POSSESSION, UNTO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY. (EPHESIANS 1:14)

Beloved, the earnestness of our inheritance is that we are HIS purchased possession, purchased with HIS precious blood. Beloved, we are and *will be* redeemed in that day, unto the praise of *HIS glory, not ours*. All of GOD's people, through HIS unmerited grace and revelation, are made to know, believe and rejoice in this—CHRIST is the *author and finisher* of their faith; they are kept through HIS faithfulness, and not their own. (*HEBREWS 12:2, 1 PETER 1:5*)

PASTOR

“HEAR MY VOICE”

The Gospel is not a theological position. The Gospel is not a denomination distinctive; nor is the Gospel a verse in the Bible, backed up by other verses. Well if it is not those things what is it? Beloved, our Gospel is a person, our GOD and SAVIOUR, CHRIST JESUS THE LORD.

Our Lord said “*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish,...*” JOHN 10:27-30

Beloved, what good news! CHRIST JESUS the LORD says that he gives eternal life to HIS sheep, and they shall *never* perish! I'm so glad that the gospel is not an offer, aren't you? Our LORD sovereignly gives life to whom HE's pleased to give life. (*ROMANS 9:15-16*)

When our LORD spoke of HIS people as being HIS sheep, HE was not teaching that every one in the world is a candidate to become a sheep; HE was teaching us that among the masses of humanity you will find only two types of people; people that are HIS sheep, and people that are not HIS sheep. It is through the preaching of the Gospel that HIS people will be made to hear HIS voice, and will savingly believe and follow HIM, and because HE is the author and finisher of their salvation; they shall never perish. HEAVENLY FATHER, he who has ears to hear (*YOUR* elect) *let them to ever hear your SON* by your SPIRIT. Amen. (*LUKE 8:4-18*)

PASTOR

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Can you doubt you're a sinner? If so, then bid all hope farewell. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

JOHN 9:41, 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

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BY GRACE

FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED... — EPHESIANS 2:8

Any preaching that teaches that faith and repentance are conditions to be met by a sinner to be saved, is no gospel at all!

Yes, the sinner saved by grace has both *faith* and *repentance*; and has been made to know that everything he has in CHRIST (a full and complete pardon, a perfect righteousness, peace with GOD) is from its beginning to glory, entirely of GOD. *Faith* and *repentance* are not conditions for salvation but rather the sure evidences of it.

The word of GOD declares "*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God*" *EPHESIANS 2:8*. The elect sinner of GOD is not saved by his or her *repentance*, but by GRACE is saved, and as evidence of this salvation, has been granted *repentance* towards GOD. The thought that *repentance* is a condition to be met for salvation —that's works! May GOD give you HIS grace to get that thought out of your mind! For it is the riches of GOD's goodness that leads a sinner to *repentance* (*ROMANS 2:4*). It is not the threatenings of GOD's wrath, but by GOD's goodness, found only in that grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. It is HIS goodness that grants us both *repentance* and *faith*.

It is by the GRACE OF GOD, by HIS GOODNESS, that HE GIVES that faith that saves, declared in His word as the "*gift of God*", the faith that is not of us, the life and the faith of CHRIST is given to the sinner for salvation.

PASTOR

TRUTH FAITH

True faith renounces all works of the flesh, and rests only in the perfect redeeming work of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of His people. **MOREOVER**, true faith will not allow God's enlightened children to assemble with any religious organization that does not look to Christ, **AND CHRIST ALONE**, for acceptance into God's eternal kingdom.

To say that God loves those who go to eternal torment with the same love as those who go to eternal bliss makes the love of God absolutely meaningless. To say that the blood of Jesus Christ was shed for those who go to hell as well as those who go to heaven makes the blood of Jesus Christ absolutely meaningless. To say that Jesus Christ died for those who go out into eternity hating God as well as those who leave this world with a sincere, God-given love for Jesus Christ, the true and living God, is to make the death of Christ absolutely meaningless. Brethren, those who believe in universal redemption **DO NOT** believe that Jesus Christ is their Redeemer. They rule out the love of God, the blood of Christ, and the death of Christ. **WHAT ARE THEY CLINGING TO?** Their sinful, polluted, corrupt so-called free will. The God of all grace tells us this in *ROMANS 9:15-16* “.. *I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. SO THEN it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.*”

WHO DO WE BELIEVE? False preachers, who call God a liar? **OR GOD, WHO CANNOT LIE?** While He was here on this earth, our Lord Jesus told some self-righteous false religionists: “*He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God*” (*JOHN 8:47*).

PASTOR GENE HARMON

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Beloved, godliness is not a show; godliness is the **LORD JESUS** in you as you are in **HIM**, abiding in **HIS** wonderful person and glorious finished saving work.

1 JOHN 2:21-28, EPHESIANS 4:21, JOHN 6:45, 1 JOHN 4:17

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PREACH THE GOSPEL

PHILIP OPENED HIS MOUTH... (ACTS 8:35)

The papist, Francis of Assisi, once said, “*Preach the gospel at all times; when necessary, use words.*” Sadly, multitudes think that is good counsel. It is not. We cannot preach the gospel by the way we live, because fallen man thinks good works and righteousness are synonyms. We can only preach the gospel by speaking to others the Word of God.

An excerpt from the article “A Good Testimony”—read the full article on PurposedGrace.org

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